

REMARKS

Claims 54-67 were pending in the application. Claims 54, 55, 57-59, and 66 have been amended. Claims 56, 61, 64, 65, and 67 have been cancelled, and new claims 68-87 have been added. Accordingly, claims 54, 55, 57-60, 62, 63, 66, and 68-87 are currently pending in the application.

Support for new claims 68, 75, and 82 can be found throughout the specification, including at least at page 36, lines 23-25. Support for new claims 69, 70, 76, 77, 83, and 84 can be found throughout the specification, including at least at page 37, lines 14-16. Support for new claims 78-80 and 85-87 can be found throughout the specification, including at least at page 34, lines 14-23. Support for new claims 71 and 81 can be found in the claims as originally filed. Claims 54, 55, 57-59, and 66 have been amended for formalities.

No new matter has been added. The foregoing claim amendments and cancellations should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections, and have been made solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Election / Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. 121

The Examiner has required Applicants to select a species from the following group of blocking agents:

Group 1: soluble lymphotoxin- β receptor;

Group 2: an antibody directed against LT- β receptor; and

Group 3: an antibody directed against surface LT ligand.

Applicants hereby elect the species of Group 1, *i.e.*, soluble lymphotoxin- β receptor, without traverse. It is Applicants understanding that the species election is for searching purposes only. It is also Applicants understanding that upon allowance of the elected species, the remaining species also will be searched (37 C.F.R. § 1.141).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. BGNB191CPUSDV. Applicants request any extensions of time necessary to respond.

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